



Dear Colleagues

I would like to offer my personal congratulations to all the 2021 AAUT recipients and their institutions. I personally know how much work that is needed in the process of applying for these awards, and how satisfying it is to receive recognition for innovative practices. You should all feel very proud of yourselves and your teams. I also encourage those who were not successful this time around to reflect on the feedback that has been given and consider reapplying in the future.

It was great to have Campus Morning Mail publish the list of [2021 AAUT Program and Teaching Awards recipients](#). They also showcased Professor John Biggs, winner of the Career Achievement Award. Professor Biggs' model of constructive alignment for designing teaching and assessment to improve student learning has been adopted as standard in higher education and underpins much of what we do. If you have missed it, the Universities Australia video announcement is available on [AAUT-UA](#) webpage.

I am very pleased to announce that the AAUT will continue to run this year, and will be funded through a collaborative universities approach. The current AAUT Awards Team will continue to manage all aspects of the national awards program.

This year, the focus will be on:

- Development of a professional capability program, including tailored support for the Neville Bonner and Early Career categories.
- Detailed briefing sessions for ICOs, applicants and assessors.
- Raising the profile of two underrepresented categories in the Program Award
 - Category 2: Collaborative educational partnerships and
 - Category 4: WIL programs that enhance students' employability.
- Realignment of assessment matrix and assessment criteria.

Earlier this year, I was invited to speak at an OECD webinar. I was part of an expert panel from the Asia-Pacific region discussing policy to foster 21st Century Skills in Higher Education. I enjoyed showcasing the AAUT awards program and also hearing about policy initiatives from other Asia-Pacific regions. The webinar can be found here: [AAUT-Recognising Education Excellence and Innovation](#).

As we move forward into a more normalised year of teaching and in most universities welcome back students onto our campuses, I encourage you to start supporting potential AAUT applicants in your institutions. My team and I look forward to working with you again this year.

Regards,
Angela

For regular updates about the AAUT awards

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Note: Awards Team is currently working from home, please email us and we'll get back to you.



2022 AAUT Key Dates

Release Nominations Information Pack: 2 May 2022

Phase 1: Nominee registration – 15 to 26 August 2022

Phase 2: Upload submission – 5 to 16 September 2022

Click [here](#) for the 2022 AAUT key dates.



What's next for 2021 AAUT?

- Successful Program and Teaching awards recipients will receive information from Universities Australia regarding the prize money by the end of March.
- Detailed feedback to all nominees will be sent to each Institutional Contact Officer (ICO) for distribution on Monday 28 March 2022.
- Certificates will be sent to either state-based ceremony host institution or your ICO for distribution.

2021 AAUT Assessment Report

We would like to thank the 38 institutions for their participation in the 2021 AAUT. See the table below for a summary of the 2021 nomination.

Nomination Summary	Citations	Program Awards	Teaching Awards	Teacher of the Year	Career Achievement Award	Total
Nominations	131	20	33	9	9	193
Awarded	78	4	9	1	1	93



Assessment Report

The Assessment report comprises of an assessment summary, general comments from the assessment panels on nominations and key recommendations to the sector; as well as summary of the awards outcome.

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This summary outlines the evaluation results gathered from ICOs and assessment panels. We are working hard to improve the scheme based on your suggestions.

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This summary outlines the 2021 round of the Australian Awards for University Teaching evaluation results gathered from assessment panels (ICOs) and assessment panels. The assessment panel chairs will be invited to provide feedback and to make suggestions for improvement on the awards scheme.

EVALUATION RATING OVERVIEW
 An overview of the overall evaluation results and submission rates for the 2021 evaluation round.

Key Evaluation Area	2021 2020-21 (already and not submitted using %)	Previous 2020-21 (2019-20)
Process	85%	85%
Assessment Panel	85%	85%
Communication	85%	85%
Awards Panel (Nominations)	85%	85%
Awards Team	85%	85%
Awards Scheme	85%	85%

SOME SUGGESTIONS:

- Provide more clarity on Neville Bonner Award and ongoing submission process.
- Adjust the number of awards to better suit the needs of institutions.
- Provide more support for early stage of submission process.
- More support for applicants of submission process to ensure the relevant benchmarks.

SOME FEEDBACK:

Some aspects of the awards scheme that institutions in submission in submission. This is important for institutions to be aware of and to ensure that the awards scheme is relevant to the needs of institutions. Some feedback from institutions is as follows:

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State-Based Ceremony

2021 AAUT STATE-BASED CEREMONY

Thanks to the hosting institutions for celebrating the achievement of the 2021 recipients.

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For Queensland and New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory institutions, if you are interested in hosting the state based ceremony this year, please get in touch with the AAUT Awards Team.



With Universities Australia (UA) confirmation that AAUT Awards will run again this year, we encourage you to start identifying and working with potential applicants from your institution on their submission.

Awards Categories

The awards categories remain unchanged.

Award Types	CITATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO STUDENT LEARNING	AWARDS FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE	AWARDS FOR PROGRAM THAT ENHANCE LEARNING
Discipline Categories Choose ONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural and Physical Science, Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies Engineering, Information Technology, Architecture and Building Health Education Business, Management and Commerce Society and Culture Creative Arts Multi-disciplinary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural and Physical Science, Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies Engineering, Information Technology, Architecture and Building Health Education Business, Management and Commerce Society and Culture Creative Arts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student experience that supports diversity and inclusive practices Collaborative educational partnerships in learning and teaching. Curriculum transformation and innovative pedagogy. Work Integrated Learning (WIL) programs that value and enhance student employability.
Nomination Categories Choose ONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Career Neville Bonner Award for Indigenous Education Sessional staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Career Neville Bonner Award for Indigenous Education 	

Maximum submission and award number

The maximum number of submissions per institution and total awards remain unchanged.

Maximum number of	Citations	Program Awards	Teaching Awards	Career Achievement Award
Submission per institution	6	2	3	1
Total Awards	Up to 100	4	9	1 or more

The maximum number of submissions is inclusive of the Neville Bonner Award

AAUTN Mentor Scheme

The [AAUTN Award Mentor Scheme](#) draws on the skills and experience of Australian Teaching Award winners. To date, there are 50 registered mentors from 15 institutions, who have volunteered to act as mentors for future awards applicants.



Check out [AAUT-UA website](#) for a range of

- Past newsletters
- Past awards ceremony booklets
- Past recipients video series






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